

REMARKS

The Office Action dated February 9, 2005 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-5 and 7 have been amended to place the subject matter in clear condition for allowance. No new matter has been added, and no new issues are raised which require further consideration and/or search. Claim 6 has been deleted without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-5 and 7 are submitted for consideration.

Claims 3-6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 3-6. Claim 3 has been written in independent form. Therefore, claims 3-5 should be allowed and Applicant requests that the objection of claims 3-5 be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,310,857 to Duffield. The rejection is traversed as being based on a reference that neither teaches nor suggests the novel combination of features clearly recited in independent claims 1 and 7.

Claim 1, upon which claim 2 depends, and claim 7 have been amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 6. Thus, claim 1 is in fact claim 6 in independent

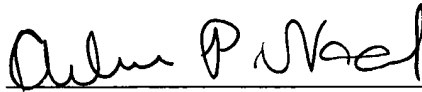
form and claim 7 is a device that also includes all of the limitations of claim 6. As such, Applicants request that the objection of claims 1, 2 and 7 be withdrawn.

As noted previously, each of claims 1-5 and 7 recite subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the prior art references cited in the Office Action. It is therefore respectfully requested that all of claims 1-5 and 7 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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